

## The Life of Michael G. "Mike" Dylla



Michael G. "Mike" Dylla, age 64, of Watertown, SD, passed away on Sunday, August 11, 2019, at the local hospital. Funeral Mass will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2019, at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. Father Michael Wensing will be the celebrant. Music will be provided by Jane Rokusek as organist with Blaine Martian as the song leader. The family is requested to meet at the church by 10:30 a.m. for a prayer service.

Visitation will be at the Crawford-Osthus Funeral Chapel in Watertown on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, from 5-7 p.m. with a 7:00 Scripture Wake Service. Visitation will also continue prior to services at the church on Thursday.

Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Watertown. Pallbearers will be Ben Mohning, Andrew Davies, Chris Dylla, Dan Omer, Mark Heine and Todd Thoennis.

Mike was born on May 27, 1955, in Webster, SD, to George and Dorothy "Mick" (Murphy) Dylla. He graduated from Groton High School in 1973 and later from South Dakota State University in 1977.

On May 29, 1982, Mike married Linda Ness in Watertown, SD. The couple lived in Clark, SD, where he worked for First Bank. In 1986, Mike and Linda moved to Watertown where he worked for First Premier Bank.

He recently retired from Benchmark Foam where he put in over 20 years of service.

Mike was a member of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. He was a current member of the Watertown Bicycle Club and a former member of the Optimist Club. He enjoyed gardening, playing cards and hunting with his family. He was an avid fan of the Watertown Arrows and the SDSU Jackrabbits.

Mike is survived by his wife, Linda of Watertown, SD; his sons, Joseph "Joe" (Kira) Dylla of Sioux Falls, SD, and Benjamin "Ben" Dylla of Fargo, ND; his parents, George and Dorothy Dylla of Watertown, SD; his brother-in-law, Ron (Donna) Ness of Eden Prairie, MN; his sister-in-law, Nancy (Myron) Goens of Watertown, SD; his brothers: Bill (Pam) Dylla of Bristol, SD, Gary (Penny) Dylla of Wichita Falls, TX, Tom Dylla of Canyon Country, CA, Jay Dylla of Houston, TX, and Jim (Carrie) Dylla of Watertown, SD; his sisters: Beth (Dan) Omer of Lee Summit, MO, Janet Price of Shawnee, KS, Mary (Todd) Thoennes of Watertown, SD, and Marci (Mark) Heine of Spearfish, SD; and all of his nieces and nephews.

Mike is preceded in death by his in-laws, Lloyd and Esther Ness; his brother-in-law, Kevin Price; and his nephew, Kevin Dylla.